NYCPM’s 108th Graduation Celebrates High-Achieving Class of 2019

At the 108th commencement of NYCPM for the Class of 2019 on May 21st, the College granted 93 Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degrees, the DPM-half of one Dually-Sponsored Degree with ISMMS; three certificates to graduating PGY III residents for completion of three-year residencies and recognized a number of students for scholastic achievement. The class had attained a 100% pass rate on Part II of the APMLE Boards and 100% residency matches in the first round. Friends and family cheered their support as graduates crossed the stage.

The graduates were hooded by faculty (12 family hooders performed the honor too), proudly accepted their diplomas, signed the Book of Physicians, took the Hippocratic Oath en masse and departed Alice Tully Hall as new Doctors of Podiatric Medicine.

The keynote speaker and honoree was the Honorable Robert J. Rodriguez, MBA, who represents New York’s 68th Assembly District, which includes Central Harlem, East Harlem (including NYCPM) and parts of the Upper East Side. Rodriguez, who has helped shepherd a bill through Albany that would provide patients enrolled in Medicaid managed care programs access to FCNY, reminded the students of their important role in helping diabetics maintain foot health as they manage their disease. Diabetes is an epidemic in East Harlem.

Assemblymember Rodriguez received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, from the College. The other honoree was Alina Moran, MPH, who is CEO at NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan, the community hospital for residents of East Harlem and an affiliate of NYCPM. In her remarks, Ms. Moran said she hoped that the graduates would carry the values of “integrity, compassion, accountability, respect and excellence” with them as they move forward with their medical careers. Ms. Moran received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, at the commencement.

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Left Photo - Michael J. Trepal, DPM ('81) (right), VP Academic Affairs and Dean holding the Seifer Scepter, leads graduates into Alice Tully Hall with Ronald Lowe (2020), left, President of the Student Association and Student Marshal.
Right Photo - Matrona Giakoumis, DPM, new Faculty Council President and Faculty Marshal, leads faculty into Alice Tully Hall while holding Seifer Scepter.

Thomas Ehlers, President of the Class of 2019 (left), gave concluding remarks, followed by Valedictorian Amanda Khoury (right).
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Four graduates won the NYSPMA Foundation for Podiatric Medicine Scholarship Award, presented by past-Presidents Andy Shapiro, DPM (left) and Paul J. Liswood, DPM (right). Awardees are (left to right) Lauren Murphey Wolff, Samantha Lou Williams, Amanda Khoury, HyunJi Boo.

Left Photo - Dr. Abraham Lavi (right) presents Conor Ross Keeley with the Dr. Abraham and Franchi Lavi Surgery Scholarship. Right Photo - Posing before commencement, were, front row, left to right: Arthur Gudeon, DPM ('60); Trustee Susheel Bathla, DPM, LHD ('94); President and CEO Louis L. Levine; Abraham Lavi, PhD. Back row, left to right: Trustee Jordan Heller, BS, MBA, LHD; Trustee Kathy Reilly Fallon, DPM, LHD ('94); Trustee William G. Raisch, MBA, LHD; VP Academic Affairs and Dean Michael J. Trepal, DPM ('81); Board of Trustees Vice Chairman Keith A. Greathouse, BS, LHD.
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Graduate Katarina Perri signs the Book of Physicians.

New Doctors of Podiatric Medicine recite the Hippocratic Oath.

Three NYCPM alumni: Arthur Gudeon, DPM (‘60); Paul Liswood, DPM (‘93); and Andrew Shapiro, DPM (‘86).